

COPY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT  
TO THE  
CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

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*To his Excellency,  
The Governor of the State of Maryland,  
Annapolis:*

WASHINGTON, March 16, 1861.

SIR:—I transmit an authenticated copy of a joint resolution to amend the Constitution of the United States, adopted by Congress, and approved on the 2nd of March, 1861, by James Buchanan, President.

I have the honor to be,  
Your Excellency's ob't servant,

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

*To all whom these presents shall come, Greeting:*

I certify that the paper hereunto annexed, has been compared with the original roll, and is a true copy of the "Joint Resolution to amend the Constitution of the United States;" approved March 2, 1861.

In testimony whereof, I, William H. Seward, Secretary of  
{ L. S. } State of the United States, have hereunto subscribed  
{ } ed my name and caused the seal of the Depart-  
{ } ment of State to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this 13th day of March, A. D. 1861, and of the Independence of the United States of America the 85th.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.